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**TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY  
PCT PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant:	Mark Thatcher	Agent's Docket No.:	31919.3916
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Priority App(s):	US 09/148,306 US 09/196,977	Priority Date:	04/09/1998
FOR:	FOOTWEAR SOLE AND ARCH STRAPPING SYSTEM		

**REPLY TO WRITTEN OPINION**

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Dear Examiner Pregetter:

In reply to the Written Opinion mailed 15 September 2000 in the above-identified PCT application, please consider the following remarks and the attached replacement claim pages 14 and 15, which replace original claim pages 14, 15, and 16, and replacement drawing pages 3 and 5, which replace original drawing pages 3/5 and 5/5. Claims 1-6 (3 independent claims, 3 dependent claims) remain pending in the application.

**In the Claims**

This Reply cancels claims 7-15, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant submits replacement pages 14 and 15 indicating the cancelled claims.

**In the Drawings**

Applicant submits minor corrections to Figures 5 and 9 and respectfully requests the Examiner to accept the corrected replacement Figures. Applicant believes that the insertion of reference signs into Figures 5 and 9 is fully supported by the original disclosure and does not constitute new matter.